A TRAIN approaches the City Railway Station in Peshawar amid dense fog on Saturday. — Photo by Shahbaz Butt

Centre, KP at odds over markhor hunting permits

Wildlife dept insists permit restriction encroachment on its domain will discourage hunters

By Mohammad Ashfaq

PESHAWAR: The federal government's instructions to the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to stop issuing permits for hunting non-exportable trophies in the province is causing unrest in the provincial wildlife department and local communities, which insist the move has threatened the over $1 million permits already sold.

The controversy over the hunting permits for markhor and grey gorals emerged when the wildlife department received minutes of a recent meeting with the climate change and environmental coordination ministry where minister Musadik Masood Malik was in the chair.

"The chair directed that a legal opinion be obtained to clarify the matter and that a subsequent meeting be convened to finalise the non-exportable quota in line with relevant international conventions. Till that time, no quotas for non-exportable trophies will be allocated by any province," reads minutes of the meeting available with *Dawn*.

Sources in KP wildlife department told *Dawn* that the federal ministry of climate change and environmental coordination had bound intermediaries, formally called outfitters, to take no objection certificates before moving permit holders to the region for hunting, a move that was an encroachment on the province's jurisdiction.

In a formal response to the federal government's NOC move, the KP wildlife department has feared that the restriction would discourage hunters, mostly foreigners.

It said that Section-11 of the KP Wildlife and Biodiversity (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Act, 2015, declared that "All wild animals, free ranging or captive, tamed or untamed, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the province shall be deemed to be the property of the government."

The official documents reveal that the management of wildlife within the province vests with the KP wildlife department as per provision of the said act.

In this context, matters relating to non-exportable hunting quota, which do not involve international trade appropriately, remain within the provincial regulatory framework and are not in contravention to the act ibid.

The wildlife department has informed the federal government in its reply that "Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Rules, 20218 has no provisions to determine local Quotas."

Also, under the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 20212, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species Management Authority is mandated to regulate matters relating to export, import and re-export of wild fauna and flora.

Rules 3 of the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Rules, 2019 provides that the functions of the Management Authority include coordination, facilitation and consideration of advice from the scientific authority and relevant stakeholders.

The rules say that decisions concerning wildlife conservation and management benefits for provincial units shall be made in light of close consultation with the provincial government with a view to develop informed and consensus-based outcomes consistent with constitutional devolution and field realities.

An official of the wildlife department told *Dawn* that six permits for hunting gray goral had been sold for $398,500 and one of them had already been used.

He added that action on other permits had got blocked as the federal wildlife authority had linked it with its permission.

The official insisted that hunters were reluctant to approach that authority.

He also said the wildlife department had sold 11 permits of non-exportable trophies for $553,300 and only five of them had been used.

The official said that 80 per cent of the revenue generated from the sale of permits was spent on the welfare of communities in the respective areas, while the rest went to the exchequer.

He said the community's share was spent on public welfare initiatives.

Peshawar Institute of Cardiology treated over 2,500 patients from other provinces

Dean says complicated cases being sent in by cardiologists from across the country

By Ashfaq Yusufzai

PESHAWAR: The public sector Peshawar Institute of Cardiology treated more than 2,500 patients from other provinces, mostly from Punjab, last year for complicated heart issues, said its dean, Prof Syed Shahkar Ahmad Shah.

He told *Dawn* that patients were mostly referred by cardiologists from other provinces for very complex treatment available at the PIC only and that, too, at affordable rates.

Prof Shah said the people coming in from other provinces and neighbouring Afghanistan paid for the procedures that remained successful.

"Every year, we receive patients from outside Khyber Pakhtunkhwa because our institute has highly-trained doctors and modern equipment. We are in contact with cardiologists throughout the country who are sending in complicated cases," he said.

Prof Shahkar, a cardiothoracic surgeon, said another reason for patient arrivals from other provinces was the major and complicated procedures being done at the institute at rates much lower than those of private hospitals in other provinces and that, too, with far better quality.

He, however, said unlike the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa residents who availed all services free of charge under the Sehat Card Plus programme, those coming from other provinces paid for the diagnostic and treatment services by themselves.

The dean said such patients sometimes requested discounts but knew there would be government-fixed charges for diagnostics and treatments, so they willingly paid from their own pockets.

Official statistics show that 2,571 patients presented themselves at the PIC for treatment last year.

They included 1,597 from Afghanistan, 628 from Punjab, 104 from Sindh, 96 from Islamabad, 73 from Azad Jammu and Kashmir, 48 from Balochistan and 25 from Gilgit-Baltistan.

Officials said the SCP had been used by the people, with national identity cards from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in other provinces for free treatment, especially liver transplants, which weren't available in local hospitals.

They said people from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, who had been living in other parts of the country in connection with their jobs and businesses, had been receiving free treatment in all provinces.

The officials said since 2020, 300,000 persons had received free treatment in Punjab, Sindh, Islamabad, Balochistan, AJK and GB.

They said people from Punjab seeking treatment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were paying for the services. The officials said around 12,000 patients from Punjab received treatment at the Khyber Teaching Hospital last year.

They added that either those patients visited doctors through referral or they lived in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The officials said the situation in other hospitals was the same as people also visited hospitals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from the nearby districts of Punjab. They said Bacha Medical Complex Swabi admitted patients from nearby Attock district in the state-of-the-art nursery ward, while patients belonged to different cities.

The officials said last year, doctors at PIC provided treatment to 79,634 patients in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, mostly free of charge under the SCP, with11,296 being children up to 15 years of age.

They said the 300-bed PIC, the only dedicated hospital for cardiac diseases in the province, was established in December 2020 that had performed several innovative heart surgeries, gaining nationwide reputation.

The officials said heart surgeries were very expensive but SCP had been benefitting the people to undergo procedures comparable to global standards.

Four terrorists killed as banned outfits clash in Tirah

By Our Correspondent

KHHBER: Four terrorists were killed in an armed clash between two groups of proscribed organisations in Tirah valley of Khyber tribal district on Saturday, sources said.

They said that the clash occurred in Kola locality of Akkakhel where armed affiliates of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan and Jamaatul Ahrar exchanged fire after developing differences over the distribution of money.

Sources said that the outlawed armed groups had earned the money from illegal drugs.

Those who were killed included Tayyab, Salman alias Sudais alias Asad, Saqi alias Shafeeq and Deewana.

The deceased were stated to be affiliated with Jamaatul Ahrar.

Child killed in Swat grenade blast

By Our Correspondent

SWAT: A child was killed and another injured after an old hand grenade exploded in the Oesha area of Matta tehsil here on Saturday.

Police said the children were playing near their house when one of them accidentally stepped on a grenade buried in the ground, triggering the blast.

As a result, eight-year-old Abdul Hadi died on the spot, while five-year-old Madiha sustained injuries and was shifted to a hospital for treatment.

In another incident, a man was killed and six others were injured when a vehicle plunged into a ravine in the Madyan area of Kalam.

According to police, a group of friends from Mingora was on a recreational trip to Mahodand when the driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to veer off the road and fall into a ravine.

Waris, 34, died on the spot, while six others sustained injuries, who were shifted to a hospital.

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13	Reconstruction of Ingress approaches at M/s Al Wahid f/s	RC-19409-AS		
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BID OPENING	27th JANUARY 2026	10:30 AM ONWARDS

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Sr. #	Description	PQ#
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Sr. #	Description	PQ#
4	Supply of Corrugated Cartons for small pack Lubricants at LMT (Korangi) & LMPA (Kemari). Round # 2) (Note: Bidders already qualify in previous round of prequalification shall not require to participate in this prequalification process.)	PQ-A4769-FI

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